



COMMUNITY FUNDING SOURCES

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The programs listed here provide EPA funding assistance through grants and cooperative agreements to community based institutions (local governments, schools, non-profit organizations and others) in New England. Most of these programs may be awarded directly to community based institutions, others may reach communities indirectly through pass-through of funds to other recipients (like state agencies or interstate organizations) or as a result of collaborative agreements between recipients and community based institutions. These are ongoing, established programs with an explicit link to community based environmental protection, but this is not an exhaustive list of EPA funding sources in the Region or nationally that may be awarded to community based institutions. Additionally, the Regional Office will occasionally fund special projects that are community based in nature.

Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots

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Superfund Technical Assistance Grants (TAGS)

Sustainable Development Challenge Grants (SDCG)

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Grant Program:

Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots

Purpose:	EPA's Brownfields Initiative will empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustain reuse of Brownfields. (Brownfields are contaminated sites.)
Eligible Applicants:	States, cities, towns, counties, U.S. Territories, & Indian tribes
Award Amount:	Up to \$200,000 over 2 years
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year:	\$10 million nationally in FY97
Matching Share:	No Matching Share Required
Key Dates:	Application Due: January 1997 Selection: Spring, 1997
Priorities:	Encourages community groups, investors, lenders, developers, and other affected parties to join forces and develop creative solutions to assess and clean up contaminated sites and return them to productive use.
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Grant Program: Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)

Purpose:	Low interest loan program established by the federal Clean Water Act to make money available to local agencies for a wide range of water quality improvement projects. U.S. EPA provides funds to each state to establish ongoing local programs. The state administers the State Revolving Fund and makes loans for projects that address point and nonpoint sources of water pollution. In 1996, Congress expanded the State Revolving Fund to include a grant program to help rural and disadvantaged communities.
Eligible Applicants:	Public entities (e.g., municipalities, special districts) for construction of treatment facilities; public and private entities are eligible for implementation of nonpoint source control projects, and for estuary protection plans.
Award Amount:	\$3,000,000 to \$21,000,000
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year:	\$47,000,000
Matching Share:	20% matching share required.
Key Dates:	Application Due: Open Selection: Varies
Priorities:	Increase use of loans for innovative projects that address nonpoint source pollution. Encourages use as a potential primary financing source for implementing community-based comprehensive watershed management.
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Grant Program:

Environmental Education (EE)

Purpose:	To provide financial support for projects which design, demonstrate or disseminate environmental education practices, methods or techniques.
Eligible Applicants:	Local, tribal, or state education agencies, colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations, state environmental agencies, and non-commercial educational broadcasting agencies.
Award Amount:	Most awards are for \$5000; occasionally up to \$25,000 A limited number of national awards are up to \$250,000
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year:	\$190,000 regionally in FY97
Matching Share:	25% minimum matching share required
Key Dates:	Application Due: November 15, 1997 Selection: Summer 1998
Priorities:	Applicants must demonstrate how the proposed project is new or significantly improved, has the potential for wide application and addresses a high priority environmental issue. Projects MUST focus on at least one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improving environmental education teaching skills• Educating teachers, students, parents, community leaders, or the public about human health problems• Building state, local or tribal capacity to develop and deliver coordinated environmental education programs• Promoting environmental careers among students• Educating the community through a community-based organization or through print, film, broadcast or other media• Utilizing environmental education as a catalyst to advance educational reform and improvement goals• Educating low income or culturally diverse audiences about environmental issues, thereby advancing environmental justice
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Grant Program:

Environmental Justice (EJ)

Purpose:	To provide financial assistance to eligible community groups, and federally recognized tribal governments that are working on or plan to carry out projects to address environmental justice issues.
Eligible Applicants:	Any affected community group, church, school, educational institution, non-profit organization incorporated under IRS tax code 501(c)(3), university, or tribal government.
Award Amount:	Up to \$20,000 per grant
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year:	\$3 million nationally; about \$250,000 to \$300,000 regionally in FY97
Matching Share:	No matching share required
Key Dates:	Application Due: March 7, 1997 Selection: August 1997
Priorities:	Applications will meet two of the following three goals: 1) Facilitate communication and information exchange and create partnerships among stakeholders to address disproportionate, high and adverse environmental exposure. 2) Build community capacity to identify local environmental justice problems and involve the community in the design and implementation of activities to address these concerns. 3) Enhance community understanding of and access to environmental and public health information systems (e.g. Toxic Release Inventory and Geographic Information Systems)
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Grant Program:

Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership (CUP)

Purpose:	To help community groups efficiently address local environmental justice issues through active partnerships with institutions of higher education.
Eligible Applicants:	Institutions of higher education which have formal partnerships with at least one socioeconomically disadvantaged community group(s).
Award Amount:	Up to \$250,000
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year:	\$2 million nationally in FY96. \$1.5 million expected in FY97
Matching Share:	No matching share required
Key Dates:	Application Due: March 1997 Selection: August 1997
Priorities:	<p>EPA will emphasize meaningful, fully interactive, two-way cooperation between communities and institutions of higher education to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Address environmental justice issues• Identify pollution sources• Train residents on their rights and responsibilities• Help resolve environmental problems <p>Through these partnerships, communities will be encouraged to become involved in accessing information from environmental databases, in cleaning up and restoring communities that have environmental problems and in surveying and monitoring environmental quality.</p>
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Grant Program:

Environmental Justice through Pollution Prevention (EJP2)

Purpose:	To empower low income, minority communities through education on environmental issues and to provide pollution prevention resources for addressing these issues.
Eligible Applicants:	Any nonprofit organization incorporated under IRS tax code 501(c)(3), federally recognized Indian tribal government, state, city, county or local government organization.
Award Amount:	Up to \$100,000 per grant
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year:	\$4 million nationally; about \$340,000 regionally in FY97
Matching Share:	No match required for non-profits 25% match required for governmental entities
Key Dates:	Application Due: April 15, 1997 Selection: August 1997
Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects by community-based organizations and local governments that improve the environmental quality of affected communities using pollution prevention as a primary solution.• Proposals that encourage institutionalization and innovative use of pollution prevention as the preferred approach for addressing environmental justice issues, and whose activities and products can be supplied to other communities.
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Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Control (NPS)

Purpose:	Established by the federal Clean Water Act Sec. 319, these funds are for the implementation of State nonpoint source pollution control programs. Each state "passes through" a portion of these funds to other entities for implementing specific nonpoint source management practices.
Eligible Applicants:	Application and project selection for local "pass through" funds is conducted by the State water quality agency through consultation with EPA. Eligible applicants include soil and water conservation districts, nonprofits, local governments, tribes, special districts, educational institutions, and government agencies.
Award Amount:	Varies
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year:	Approximately 6 million regionally in FY98
Matching Share:	40% matching share required
Key Dates:	Application Due: Varies Selection: Varies
Priorities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solving priority water quality problems and/or protecting high quality waters• Comprehensive local watershed management• Enhancing aquatic and riparian ecosystems• Commitments that lead to sustained water quality improvements
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Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP)

Purpose:	The Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program provides funds for research, education, and demonstration of reduced risk pest control techniques and products, in both agricultural and nonagricultural settings.
Eligible Applicants:	State agencies and Federally recognized tribes. States and tribes are encouraged to work with communities.
Award Amount:	Up to \$40,000
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year:	\$498,000 nationally in FY98
Matching Share:	0% matching share required
Key Dates:	Application Due: Spring 1998 Selection: Spring 1998
Priorities:	Pesticides use reduction and risk reduction
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Grant Program:

Pollution Prevention Incentives for States (PPIS)

Purpose:	To build and support state pollution prevention (P2) services and other capabilities and to test, at the state level, innovative pollution prevention approaches and methodologies.
Eligible Applicants:	State agencies, federally-recognized tribes, territories and possessions. States are encouraged to form assistance partnerships with other P2 providers.
Award Amount:	Varies: usually up to \$50,000 per grant
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year:	\$480,000 regionally in FY98
Matching Share:	50% matching share required (50% of total project cost)
Key Dates:	Application Due: November 1998 Selection: March 1999
Priorities:	<p>Funds must be used for activities to prevent pollution at the source—source reduction—prior to recycling treatment or disposal as defined by the Pollution Prevention (P2) Act of 1990.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funded activities must also prevent the transfer of pollutants across all environmental media: air, water and land• Funded activities might include: providing on-site technical help to businesses, changing agency regulatory practices to encourage P2, disseminating P2 and compliance information to portions of the regulated community through work shops, fact sheets, etc.
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Superfund Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs)

Purpose:	To enable communities affected by a site on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) to obtain technical assistance in interpreting information regarding the site.
Eligible Applicants:	Groups must be located near or affected by a site that is either proposed for or on the National Priorities List. All groups must be incorporated as nonprofit organizations.
Award Amount:	Up to \$50,000 initially; in the case of complex sites, additional funds may be available.
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year:	\$250,000 regionally in FY97
Matching Share:	20% matching share required
Key Dates:	Applications may be submitted after a site is proposed for listing on the NPL
Priorities:	<p>Because only one grant is available for each NPL site, EPA encourages groups to consolidate in order to provide technical assistance to the most widely representative group of individuals possible.</p> <p>To this end, EPA notifies the community via a public notice in the local newspaper if an application is received from an eligible group.</p>
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Sustainable Development Challenge Grants (SDCG)

Purpose:	To encourage community groups, non-profits, businesses, and government agencies to work together on sustainable development efforts that protect the local environment and conserve natural resources while supporting a healthy economy and an improved quality of life.
Eligible Applicants:	Incorporated non-profits; Public agencies (local, regional, county or state); Tribes; Educational Institutions. States, territories, and possessions are eligible but encouraged to partner with community groups.
Award Amount:	Two Funding Ranges (1) Up to \$50,000 (2) \$50,000 - \$250,000.
Total Awarded in Fiscal Year:	\$5 million nationally in FY97 80% of FY97 funds will be used to support city/metropolitan projects.
Matching Share:	20% matching share required.
Key Dates:	Due: August 15, 1997 Selection: Fall, 1997
Priorities:	EPA is looking for projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use proactive, innovative approaches to protect the environment while providing economic benefits• Are supported by and involve diverse interests in the community• Have measurable environmental and economic results• Foster long-term investments in local sustainability efforts
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